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DANIELS DENOUNCE ASSERTIONS OF NAVY LEAGUE AS FALSE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—A statement issued from the headquarters of the Navy league, charging that influence of labor interests was hampering investigation of the fatal black powder magazine explosion at the Mare Island navy yard July 9...

In its statement the league said it had reliable information that the explosion, which killed five men and injured thirty-one, was set off by a time fuse, giving evidence of a criminal conspiracy.

Secretary Daniels, in a statement made public with the letter to Colonel Thompson, said a board appointed by the commandant of the navy yard was actively pursuing a full investigation of the explosion; that it had been afforded ample funds and the full resources of the government...

U. S. TO BUY WHEAT CROP

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Labor: L. J. Tabor, Burns, O., master of the Ohio State Grange. Frank W. Tausig, chairman of the tariff commission; Theodore N. Vail, president of the American Telephone & Telegraph company; Henry J. Waters, president of the Kansas State Agricultural college.

Flour mills will be assured wheat at the price to be paid by the government, and the food administration is ready to purchase for the mills all the grains they use.

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Twelve men were named by the food administration to represent the grain division at the various terminals. They are: Edward M. Plesh at St. Louis; M. P. Houser at Portland, Or.; C. B. Fox at New Orleans; H. B. Irwin at Philadelphia; P. H. Clinker at Duluth; Frank L. Carey at Minneapolis; George H. Jackson at Baltimore; H. B. Jackson at Chicago; Charles Kennedy at Buffalo; R. A. Lewin at San Francisco; D. F. Piassek at Kansas City; Charles T. Neal at Omaha.

Representatives of the wheat buying industry came to Washington today for a conference with the food administration on the government's plan to license the operation of all elevators. Detailed regulations drawn by the food administration and approved by President Wilson governing the licensing will be announced shortly.

ONLY MORAL TRAITORS PRATE PEACE

IN his book upon his experiences in Germany, Former Ambassador Gerard tells of the forcible seizure and deportation of 20,000 French girls and women from their homes by German troops for enforced labor in the fields and worse. This is only one of the countless atrocities practiced by the Germans in waging war upon the helpless.

The state department has recently made public the official report of the sinking of the steamer Belgian Prince by a German U-boat and the deliberate drowning of its crew of forty-four men. It reads as follows:

The officers of the submarine asked whether there were any gunners left on board and ordered the crew of the Belgian Prince on the submarine. The men of the submarine searched them for weapons, threw away the oars of the lifeboats and ordered the crew to remove their life-preservers. The submarine proceeded for fourteen miles and then submerged, drowning the crew except William Snell, colored, of Jacksonville, Fla., the chief engineer and a Russian.

No pirate who ever roamed the seas under a black flag ever practiced a more heartless cruelty upon unarmed men, yet the German officer who perpetrated it will probably be hailed as a hero in Germany and awarded with an iron cross—as was the destroyer of the Lusitania.

Germany prepared for forty years to ravage the world and then exploit it. With cold-blooded deliberation she started this frightful war. If anybody had any doubts about this at the beginning, the overwhelming evidence has long since made it a certainty.

For three years Germany has violated every decency in human life. For three years she has violated every law of God and man.

Not in the heat of battle, but with cool, ordered deliberation, she has practiced crimes that are not surpassed by the beasts of the jungle.

Nothing has been too barbarous, nothing too savage. She has slain the innocent—the mother with the babe on her breast; the doddering old man, the child at its play.

Her thirst for blood has been insatiable; women have been her first choice as victims. She has murdered, robbed, burned, devastated without reason, heartlessly. History cites nothing in the dark ages that is worse than the German record in the lands she has overrun—a record so dreadful, so shocking that to the end of time history will tell of it all with horror.

Yet Senator La Follette heads an American organization for peace with honor for the modern Hun, and to protest any penalty for the international pirate. And the pope proposes a peace that will restore to Germany the colonies she has lost and leave her triumphant and unchastised for her regime of vandalism, piracy, destruction and bloodshed—her reign of terror.

As the New York World well says: "Whoever talks peace with this monstrosity of autoeracy is a moral traitor to every human ideal of right and justice."

MISS RANKIN IN BUTTE TO PROBE LABOR TROUBLES

BUTTE, Mont., Aug. 15.—Miss Jeanette Rankin, Montana's congresswoman, had formed no plans for carrying out her announced intention of taking a hand in the local labor situation this morning. In an interview, given out by her secretary upon her arrival in Butte last evening, Miss Rankin took occasion to deny as absurd and ridiculous an alleged interview in a Washington newspaper of August 8, in which she is said to have remarked that the copper companies of Montana were fighting her and that in other ways she might have been a mark for assassination.

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Miss Rankin's reception in Butte last night was an enthusiastic one. A large crowd of miners and others included several hundred women, gathered at the station. Miss Rankin was escorted to her hotel by a squad of police who had been detailed to prevent disorders. There was no parade, although several men who attempted to organize one were placed under arrest.

Miss Rankin stated today that her efforts to compose the labor situation here are entirely unofficial and that she has no connection whatever with the impending visit here of Judge Cavinton of the supreme court of the District of Columbia, who is coming as an investigator for President Wilson.

All Choked Up With Catarrh? Why Continue Makeshift Treatment? Sprays and douches will never cure you.

Catarrh is annoying enough when it chokes up your nostrils and air passages, causing painful and difficult breathing and other discomforts. But the real danger comes when it reaches down into your lungs. This is why you should at once realize the importance of the proper treatment, and lose no time experimenting with worthless remedies which touch only the surface. To be

OREGON CROPS BADLY INJURED BY LONG DROUGHT

PORTLAND, Or., Aug. 15.—Continued drought conditions are causing serious damage to Oregon crops, according to the summary of crop conditions throughout the state for the week ending August 11, issued here today by the weather bureau. The summary follows: "While rain is much needed for corn, beans, fruit, hops, sugar beets and pastures, it would be detrimental to harvesting, in which work has progressed rapidly. Continued drought conditions are causing serious damage.

"Winter wheat threshing has begun, with fair to good yields, but light weight. Early sown barley, oats, rye and spring wheat yielded better than expected. "Early potatoes poor, late planted generally good. There are some indications of second growth in scattered districts.

"With pasturage poor and feed limited, the prospects for stock are discouraging. Some loss from eating poisonous plants was reported."

Governor Withycombe declares that Oregon is facing the nearest thing to a crop failure that he has seen in forty-six years. He predicts the state will not have above 60 per cent of the normal crop this year. The governor is optimistic in commenting upon the outlook for next year, as he thinks that if the farmers will avail themselves of the opportunities offered, the 1918 crops will be above the average.

Mrs. F. E. Bigelow of 110 Dakota avenue, has as her guest Miss C. L. Dillon, office manager of the Western Adjustment company, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Miss Dillon, who arrived Tuesday and will remain here a week or so, is making a tour of the Pacific coast.

KAISER INSTIGATED POPE'S PEACE TALK SAYS BRITISH PRESS

LONDON, Aug. 15.—The Daily News thinks it fairly clear that the pope's appeal was really inspired by Austria, but maintains that if his holiness can really persuade the belligerents to state their conditions in concrete terms he will confer a very great, if belated, blessing on mankind, and if he can further persuade Germany to declare its willingness to restore the independence of Belgium, Serbia and Rumania and withdraw from other invaded territories, the door to peace will be open, and a blank refusal by the allies to negotiate on such a basis would be almost unthinkable.

The Daily News does not comment editorially, but in an introduction in its news columns says the pope's proposals are impossible and that the scheme is really Austro-German. "Utterly inadmissible."

The Times, while suspending final judgment until the text is available, says the proposals as described in the telegraph summaries, are "utterly inadmissible by the allies." It expresses astonishment at the vatican's alleged hope that the document would be favorably received and lead to the not-distant end of the war.

"To cherish any hope of this," says the paper, "betrays a complete ignorance of opinion of all the entente countries and the United States. They have all stated plainly the only terms whereon they are prepared to consider peace. These terms are quite incompatible with the telegraphed version of the vatican's proposals and there is not the slightest prospect that the allies will renounce or abate them. The whole tenor of the document bears the marks of German inspection."

The Post, expressing similar views, says: "Instigated by Germany."

"To listen to a compromise before a guarantee is secured against a repetition of the ordeal thru which civilization is passing is to betray all sacrifice and suffering that have been endured. If the vatican really is optimistic about the reception of its proposals, the vatican shows that it is entirely out of touch with the sentiment of the allies."

The Post, taking it for granted that the proposals are instigated by Germany and remarking that they decided in advance on anything Germany has hitherto been disposed to discuss, attributes hot anxiety for an immediate negotiated peace to a realization that the continuance of the war will give her much less than a negotiated peace might give, and adds that Germany affected to believe the United States as a belligerent did not count, but that illusion has already been shattered.

COUNTY FAIR PRIZE LIST IS PUBLISHED

The premium list for the seventh annual Jackson County Fair to be held in the Nat at Medford, September 18 to 22, has just been issued and can be secured at the Commercial club, office of J. H. Carlin, the secretary, from H. L. Walther at California-Oregon Power company or from the stores.

The premiums are very liberal this year; each department is in charge of a person who has had experience and you should get a list and prepare to make an exhibit.

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SPRUCE CUTTING FOR HUGE FLEET OF AIRSHIPS BEGINS

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 15.—The cutting of spruce lumber in the forests of Washington and Oregon, which ultimately will be used in the construction of the nation's huge fleet of airplanes, began today when two camps in southwestern Washington and one in northern Oregon, resumed operations, according to Robert B. Allen, secretary of the West Coast Lumbermen's association. Each of the three camps is capable of cutting 100,000 feet of timber daily, Mr. Allen says.

In general the lumber situation is easier, Mr. Allen stated. He said several of the mills which resumed work Monday now were working to nearly capacity.

The possibility of the timber workers' strike extending to Oregon threatened today when it became known that Jay C. Brown, president of the International Shingle Weavers' union, has gone to Portland for the express purpose of organizing the mills and camps of Oregon.

"I shall take up the work of organizing the employees of the mills and camps in Oregon," Brown is reported to have said just before leaving here for Portland. "I'll pull out the men down there as in Washington, if possible, in furtherance of our campaign for the eight-hour day."

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